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Title: The Speaker made an observation regarding the business transacted by the House during the week ending 29th July, 2005.

12.02 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the last week.

Out of the 100 Starred Questions admitted, 11 were answered orally. Replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 1022 Unstarred Questions were laid on the Table.

During the period, as many as 19 matters of urgent public importance were raised after the Question Hour. Also, 45 matters were raised under Rule 377.

The House also discussed an Adjournment Motion regarding "Failure of the Government to protect the eastern borders of our country against massive illegal immigration from Bangladesh, described by the Supreme Court of India in a judgement, as nothing short of external aggression" notices for which were given by Shri L.K.Advani, Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy and Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma. After discussing the motion for 4 hours and 47 minutes, the House negatived it by voice vote. Besides, the House also took up three Calling Attention matters : (i) "situation arising out of increasing incidents of atrocities on women in Delhi and other parts of the country" raised by Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra; (ii) need for effective implementation of various centrally-sponsored schemes for Rural Development", raised by Shri Prabhunath Singh; and (iii) "situation arising out of closure of more than 600 dyeing and bleaching factories located in and around Tirupur in Coimbatore district in Tamil Nadu", raised by Shri K. Subbarayan.

The House also had fairly long deliberations, for 7 hours and 24 minutes, on a short duration discussion under Rule 193 on Natural calamities in the country, raised by Shri Basudeb Acharia. The discussion has not yet concluded.

As regards Private Members' Business, as many as 18 Bills were introduced. The discussion on the abolition of Child Labour Bill, 2005, moved by Shri Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi, remained inconclusive.

The Departmentally-Related Standing Committees presented eight Reports to the House.

While we lost 1 hour 47 minutes of valuable time due to interruptions and forced adjournments last week, the House sat late and worked extra for as many as 3 hours and 28 minutes to transact essential items of business.

I would like to place on record my highest appreciation for the kind help and co-operation that I received from all sections of the House[snb2].